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THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RESERVE ANY PART OF THE DOMESTIC MARKET FOR OIL IMPORTS OR SALES FOR NATIONALLY CONTROLLED OIL COMPANIES. UNTIL 1974 ALL BUT A MINOR PART OF THE DOMESTIC MARKET FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WAS SUPPLIED BY NORWEGIAN SUBSIDIARIES OF FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES. THE NATIONALLY CONTROLLED OIL COMPANIES ARE STATEOIL, A STATE OIL COMPANY, NORSK HYDRO A/S, A STATE CONTROLLED COMPANY, AND OK, A COOPERATIVE OIL COMPANY. THE EXPECTED STEPPING-UP OF THE EKOFISK OIL PRODUCTION WILL RESULT IN A SHARP INCREASE IN STATEOIL'S AND NORSK HYDRO'S HANDLING OF CRUDE PETROLEUM IN 1975. BASED ON AN ESTIMATED EKOFISK PRODUCTION OF 7 MILLION

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METRIC TONS, THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT'S 10 PERCENT TOYALTY, TO BE MARKETED BY STATEOIL, WILL REACH 700,000 TONS IN

1975 (160,000 TONS IN 1974) AND THE CORRESPONDING
NIRSK HYDRO SHARE WILL AMOUNT TO 469,000 TONS (107,000
TONS IN 1974). THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO INSISTED
ON AN INCREASING "CARRIED INTEREST" SHARE FOR STATEOIL
(REPORTED TO BE AS HIGH AS 80 PERCENT FOR BIG FINDS) IN ALL
NEW CONCESSIONS AND HAS SAID THAT STATEOIL WILL DOMINATE
OIL DEVELOPMENT NORTH OF THE 62ND PARALLEL.

2. TOTAL DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
WAS 8,246,000 CUBIC METERS FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD
DECEMBER 1973 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1974, OR THE EQUIVALENT
OF 142,100 BARRELS A DAY.
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